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Letter of Transmittal  
Request for Continued Examination  
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In re Application of: Hochrein et al.

Serial No.: 09/401,595

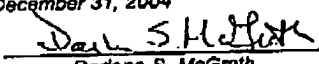
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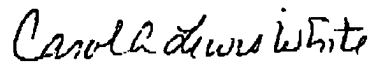
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (1 page);
2. Amendment Under CFR 1.312 (6 pages); and
3. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED  
TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL  
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS  
APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,



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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.114

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application and withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004. Submitted herewith is a reply to the outstanding Office Action.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1729 for the required fee, and for any additional charges that may be incurred.

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